

have to put the strings attached to the money to say, if you want the money that is collected here in the city, you have to reflect the laws of the United States of America, and you can't offer sanctuary to these cartels that are killing our young people.

There is more to the bill, but let me highlight in another way the consequences of not stopping the cartels.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD).

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, up there where you sit, last night Joe Biden stood here and delivered his State of the Union address. He spoke about lots of issues. But he didn't even touch on the biggest issue facing our country today, and that is the southern border.

Make no mistake, the state of our border, it is not good. The Border Patrol has encountered over 150,000 illegal aliens—not last year but just last month, in January, just 33 days ago, when they tallied up those numbers. That is a 96 percent, almost 100 percent increase from last year.

Over 62,000, out of that 150,000, 62,000 of those individuals were released into the United States. It is unbelievable. It is unacceptable. It is dangerous.

When I get to travel around North Carolina and visit with law enforcement, as I love to do and have the honor of doing, the sheriffs tell me there are about 3,200 counties in this amazing country. They said every single sheriff right now is a border sheriff because of the policies that are happening right here, just down the street in the White House. There are drugs, fentanyl.

We think about the devastation and the suffering years ago in the Vietnam war, a decade where we lost about 70,000 servicemembers. We think about what we lose every single year, not in a decade, but every single year from drug overdoses. That is about 70,000, largely because of what happens at the border.

Just a few months ago, when I was down there visiting with our Customs and Border Patrol agents, they were off duty that day. We were in a pickup truck as far as from here to, Madam Speaker, where you sit. They slammed on the brakes and said: I am sorry. I have got to go on duty. I have to arrest these cartel members.

He said the sad thing is they will be back out on the street or, in this case, back out in the desert in just a few days.

We looked all up and down the border, and there was tens of millions of dollars of steel just laying there. Then there was tens of millions of dollars' worth of idle diesel equipment that has been idle since January 20 of last year.

He said: You know what? We need to finish this wall.

That is what the Customs and Border Patrol agent told me. He says: But what we really need, what we really need is an administration that has our back and, sir, right now, we don't have that.

Instead, Madam Speaker, what we have is an astounding 11,200 pounds of fentanyl, deadly fentanyl that was seized last year, and even more has made it into the homeland. It is killing thousands of our fellow Americans. Dangerous cartels are flooding this country with counterfeit prescription pills containing fentanyl and meth. All of this can be prevented and should be prevented. It must be prevented.

The bottom line is it is time to finish the wall. It is time to support our border agents and end this administration's dereliction of duty.

Mr. DAVIDSON. Madam Speaker, this is a gravely serious matter. I highlighted a young lady, Lizzie Murphy; her sister, Catherine; her mom and dad, Mark and Kristi Murphy, who lost their daughter, their best friend, their sister.

Communities like this are losing young people all over our country. I kind of wish I could say that it was only happening where the sanctuary cities are pictured. I kind of wish I could say it was only right next to the border that we have the problem.

But our whole country is experiencing the problem because we won't secure the border. This administration won't secure the border. They won't listen to the men and women whose duty it is to secure the border.

I went down there a week after Joe Biden was inaugurated and they said: We told him. We will see what happens. They said they are going to do these things, and we told them this is what is going to happen.

Now, when we go to the border, when they come and talk to us up here, the exact same things they knew were going to happen are happening.

We stopped sanctuary cities. We put strings attached to the grants. But the other thing is we have this Flores settlement. Congress has not provided clarity on the Flores settlement, so we provide funding so that we can hold people as long as they need to be held till their cases are adjudicated on the Mexican side of the border.

We put pressure on the Government of Mexico to cooperate with us in this, and we put pressure on the Government of Mexico to resume their cooperation on intelligence-gathering.

Just yesterday, ahead of the State of the Union, I have my county sheriffs—Butler County Sheriff Jones was here in Washington, D.C. Why? Not because he is a border sheriff in the strict geographical sense, but because he is a border sheriff there in Ohio.

Let me close, Madam Speaker, by just highlighting that what happened to this family could happen to anybody. I appreciate the time to speak tonight.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Cheryl L. Johnson, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly en-

rolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 4445. An act to amend title 9 of the United States Code with respect to arbitration of disputes involving sexual assault and sexual harassment.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(b) of House Resolution 188, the House stands adjourned until 9 a.m. tomorrow.

Thereupon (at 7 o'clock and 42 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, March 3, 2022, at 9 a.m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-3537. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Phosphoric Acid; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2020-0214; FRL-9380-01-OCSP] received February 28, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-3538. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; California; Ventura County Air Pollution Control District [EPA-R09-OAR-2021-0620; FRL-9188-02-R9] received February 28, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-3539. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Fatty Acids, Esters with Ethoxylated Triethanolamine; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2021-0364; FRL-9534-01-OCSP] received February 28, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-3540. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Fluridone; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [EPA-HQ-OPP-2021-0337; FRL-9459-01-OCSP] received February 28, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-3541. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Adipic acid; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2021-0635 and EPA-HQ-OPP-2021-0636; FRL-9551-01-OCSP] received February 28, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-3542. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; North Carolina; Mecklenburg Volatile Organic Compounds [EPA-R04-OAR-2021-0055; FRL-8986-02-R4] received February 28, 2022,

pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-3543. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Wisconsin; Permit Streamlining Updates [EPA-R05-OAR-2020-0504; FRL-9202-02-R5] received February 28, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-3544. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Potassium acetate; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2020-0349; FRL-9550-01-OCSPP] received February 28, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-3545. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Wisconsin; Serious Plan Elements for the Wisconsin Portion of Chicago Nonattainment Area for the 2008 Ozone Standard [EPA-R05-OAR-2020-0698; FRL-9215-02-R5] received February 28, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

## PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mrs. WAGNER:

H.R. 6891. A bill to exclude government officials of the Russian Federation from certain international meetings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. CICILLINE (for himself, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. HARRIS, and Ms. KAPTUR):

H.R. 6892. A bill to designate Ukraine under section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to permit nationals of Ukraine to be eligible for temporary protected status under such section, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. ADAMS:

H.R. 6893. A bill to provide for the long-term improvement of minority-serving institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. BARR (for himself, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. MAST, and Mr. GREEN of Tennessee):

H.R. 6894. A bill to limit the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury to authorize United States financial institutions to engage in certain Russian-related energy transactions blocked by Executive order 14024, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BILIRAKIS:

H.R. 6895. A bill to establish the Commission on Sustaining Medicare and Social Se-

curity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. FOXX (for herself and Ms. ROSS):

H.R. 6896. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to improve consumer take-back programs by allowing persons who are authorized to collect controlled substances from ultimate users and other non-registrants for destruction through an authorized consumer return program to open and inspect packages, to provide a secure method of transporting substances to another location of destruction, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. GIMENEZ:

H.R. 6897. A bill to designate certain unelected entities claiming to be governments as foreign terrorist organizations, to impose certain measures with respect to countries that support such entities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Armed Services, and Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mrs. HAYES (for herself, Mr. TAKANO, and Ms. JAYAPAL):

H.R. 6898. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to change certain eligibility provisions for loan forgiveness for teachers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. HILL:

H.R. 6899. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of the Treasury from engaging in transactions involving the exchange of Special Drawing Rights issued by the International Monetary Fund that are held by the Russian Federation or Belarus; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. HUIZENGA:

H.R. 6900. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to prohibit U.S. financial institutions from participating in the secondary market for certain Russian bonds; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ (for herself, Mr. PFLUGER, Ms. STANSBURY, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. DOGGETT, and Ms. GRANGER):

H.R. 6901. A bill to prohibit the use of Federal funds for the private interim storage of spent nuclear fuel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. LONG:

H.R. 6902. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 660 East Harrison Street, in Republic, Missouri, as the "Special Agent Sgt. Joseph M. Peters Post Office"; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mr. MCCLINTOCK (for himself and Mr. LAMALFA):

H.R. 6903. A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out activities to suppress wildfires, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. PORTER (for herself, Ms. TLAIB, and Ms. DELAURO):

H.R. 6904. A bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prohibit a group health plan and a health insurance issuer offering group or individual health insurance coverage from reducing contracted rates, or terminating contracts, with health care providers during a public health emergency; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Education and Labor, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. RICE of South Carolina:

H.R. 6905. A bill to provide for the withdrawal of normal trade relations treatment with the Russian Federation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SABLAN:

H.R. 6906. A bill to amend Public Law 94-241 to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to increase the number of permits that are available for employers in Construction and Extraction Occupations seeking Commonwealth Only Transitional Workers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ (for herself, Mr. SRES, Mr. LAWSON of Florida, Mrs. DEMINGS, Mr. CRIST, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK, and Mrs. MURPHY of Florida):

H.R. 6907. A bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to reinstate the processing of applications for parole under the Cuban Family Reunification Parole Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BURGESS (for himself, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mr. CARSON, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. HARRIS, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. COHEN, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. TIMMONS, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. UPTON, Mr. BROOKS, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. SWALWELL, Ms. KUSTER, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana, Mr. STEUBE, Mr. COSTA, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. ARRINGTON, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. FALLON, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. BRADY, Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. CAREY, Mr. MOORE of Utah, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. COMER, Mr. PALMER, Mr. PFLUGER, Mr. STEWART, Mr. NORMAN, and Mr. WENSTRUP):

H. Con. Res. 76. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the International Criminal Court should immediately proceed with prosecuting Russian President Vladimir Putin with war crimes should any harm befall Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy as a result of actions taken or directed by any Russian entity or authority; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. CRENSHAW (for himself, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. STEWART, Mr. MOORE of Utah, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mrs. CAMMACK, Mr. STEUBE, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. JACOBS of New York, Ms. VAN DUYN, Mr. BABIN, Mr. ARRINGTON, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. ELLZEY, Ms.